

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A device (~~15; 15'; 15''~~) for slowing the movement of a door (~~2~~), drawer or similar member movable with respect to a fixed structure (~~S~~) and urged by unidirectional thrust means (~~4~~), including:

- a casing (~~17; 17'; 17''~~) adapted to be fixed to the said movable member (~~2~~) or to the said structure (S) and defining a substantially cylindrical chamber (~~18; 18'; 18''~~) containing a viscous braking fluid, and

- a rotor (~~31; 31'; 31''~~) housed within the said chamber (~~18; 18'; 18''~~), the said rotor (~~31; 31'; 31''~~) including a disc portion (~~32; 32'; 32''~~) fully immersed in said chamber and adapted to rotate inside the said casing (~~17; 17'; 17''~~) and a shaft portion (~~33; 33'; 33''~~) extending axially from the centre of the disc portion (~~32; 32'; 32''~~) and protruding through one of the end walls (~~21; 21'; 21''~~) of the casing (~~17; 17'; 17''~~) in such a way as to be able to be operatively associated with the other of the said movable member (~~2~~) or the structure (~~S~~), at least one surface (~~23a; 17b'; 17b''~~) of the said casing (~~17; 17'; 17''~~) defining with a corresponding surface (~~62; 35a'; 35a''~~) of the said rotor (~~31; 31'; 31''~~) at least one pair of opposing surfaces extending substantially perpendicular to the axis of rotation of the said rotor, characterised in that

- a first surface (~~23a; 17b'; 35a''~~) of at least one pair of the said opposing surfaces (~~23a; 62; 17b'; 35a'; 35a'', 17b''~~) has a recess (~~51; 51'; 51''~~) for housing a pivotable arm element (~~52; 52'; 52''~~), the said arm element (~~52; 52'; 52''~~) having a pin portion (~~54; 54'; 54''~~) at one end

projecting with respect to the said first surface ~~(23a; 17b'; 35a'')~~ inwardly of the said cylindrical chamber ~~(18; 18'; 18'')~~, and

- the second surface ~~(62; 35a'; 17b'')~~ of the said pair of opposing surfaces ~~(23a; 62; 17b'; 35a'; 35a'', 17b'')~~ has an elongate groove ~~(70; 70'; 70'')~~ extending concentrically with the shaft portion ~~(33; 33'; 33'')~~ of the said rotor ~~(31; 31'; 31'')~~ and engageable by the said pin portion ~~(54; 54'; 54'')~~ of the arm element ~~(52; 52'; 52'')~~, the said groove ~~(70; 70'; 70'')~~ having a cam portion ~~(76; 76'; 76'')~~ at one end ~~(73; 73'; 73'')~~ dividing the said groove ~~(70; 70'; 70'')~~ into a return path ~~(75; 75'; 75'')~~ and a forward path ~~(74; 74'; 74'')~~ for the said pin portion ~~(54; 54'; 54'')~~ in such a way as to define, in cooperation with the said thrust means ~~(4)~~, a releasable locking position for the said rotor ~~(31; 31'; 31'')~~ relative to the casing ~~(17; 17'; 17'')~~.

2. (currently amended): A device according to Claim 1 in which the said arm element ~~(52; 52'; 52'')~~ is mounted pivotably on a pin ~~(53; 53'; 53'')~~ of the arm element integrally formed with the casing ~~(17; 17')~~ or with the rotor ~~(31'')~~.

3. (currently amended): A device according to Claim 2, in which the said arm element ~~(52; 52'; 52'')~~ is mounted so as to be pivotable inside the recess ~~(51; 51'; 51'')~~.

4. (currently amended): A device according to Claim 3, in which the said arm element ~~(52; 52'; 52'')~~ is formed in one piece.

5. (currently amended): A device according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding Claims~~, in which the said at least one pair of opposing surfaces ~~(23a; 62; 17b'; 35a'; 35a'', 17b'')~~ is formed

by the upper and lower surfaces ~~(62)~~ of the said disc portion ~~(32)~~ of the rotor ~~(31)~~ with respective end surfaces ~~(23a)~~ of the said cylindrical chamber ~~(18)~~.

6. (currently amended): A device according to Claim 5, in which the said first surface ~~(23a)~~ is the base surface of the chamber ~~(18)~~ and the said second surface ~~(62)~~ is the lower surface of the disc portion ~~(32)~~ of the rotor ~~(31)~~.

7 and 8. (canceled).

9. (currently amended): A device according to claim 1 ~~any of the preceding Claims~~, in which the said disc portion ~~(32; 32'; 32'')~~ of the rotor ~~(31; 31'; 31'')~~ has a plurality of vane portions ~~(61; 61')~~ extending radially therefrom.

10-13. (canceled).